



Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jerry Davis. I represent the Montana Bowhunters Association.

MBA supports HB 444.

MBA applauds Representative Jacobsen's efforts to provide incentives to landowners if they choose to allow reasonable access to public lands previously inaccessible to the public.

We in MBA understand that allowing access to public lands across privately owned lands can have some negative impacts on that landowner. We think it only fair to provide compensation to those landowners who are willing to allow access to those previously inaccessible private lands.

HB 444 does just that; provide compensation to landowners willing to allow public access to previously inaccessible public lands.

We ask that you vote "Do Pass" for HB 444.